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Office Action Summary

Application No.

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Applicant(s)

PLANK ET AL.

Examiner

Sarah L. Kuhns

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 02 December 2005.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-4, 8-16 and 22-25 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-4, 8-16 and 22-25 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ |
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DETAILED ACTION

The text of those sections of Title 35, U.S. Code not included in this action can be found in a prior Office action.

Continued Examination Under 37 CFR 1.114

A request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, including the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e), was filed in this application after final rejection. Since this application is eligible for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) has been timely paid, the finality of the previous Office action has been withdrawn pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114. Applicant's submission filed on December 2, 2005 has been entered.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

Claims 1, 2, 4, 8, 10-14 and 16 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Smail, for the reasons set forth in the previous Office Action.

Claim 3 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Smail, in view of Smith, for the reasons set forth in the previous Office Action.

Claims 9 and 15 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Smail, in view of Baking 911, for the reasons set forth in the previous Office Action.

Claims 22-25 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Smail, in view of Nutra USA, for the reasons set forth in the previous Office Action.

Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments filed August 2, 2005, have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.

Applicant argues that the compositions of Smail do not inherently prevent the formation of acrylamide because they do not have the unique chemical structure of cyclodextrins that Applicant's compositions have. However, it is submitted that Smail does disclose the use a cyclodextrin with sufficient specificity (see page 1, section 001 1). As such, it would have been expected that these compositions of Smail would have the same properties as those of Applicant. As Smail does disclose using cyclodextrins, no further motivation is required.

As for the claims directed to a method of preventing the formation of acrylamide, since Smail discloses the composition using a cyclodextrin, as discussed above and as claimed by Applicant, it would be expected that the composition of Smail would also prevent the formation of acrylamide.

Applicant's arguments with respect to the rejections of claims 3, 9, 15 and 22-25 are also unpersuasive because there is no need for Smith, Baking 911 or Nutra USA to teach the use of a cyclodextrin as Smail already teaches this limitation. Therefore, these claims remain rejected for obviousness for the reasons of record.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Sarah L. Kuhns whose telephone number is 571-272-


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1088. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Friday from 8:00 am - 4:30 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Milton Cano can be reached at 571-272-1398. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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